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SUBJ: DAKOURE VIEWS ON MIT VISIT, DROUGHT NEEDS, ETC.

FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS MY MEETING WITH DAKOURE TODAY:

1. HE WILL BE HAPPY RECEIVE MIT VISIT AS PLANNED
DECEMBER 4-5. IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM
CONVERSATIONS WITH AID PERSONNEL IN ROME THAT CILSS WOULD
ISSUE ANY INVITATIONS FOR MEETING NOW IN OUAGADOUGOU. HIS
RECOLLECTION OF CONVERSATION WAS THAT MIT WOULD COME TO
OUAGADOUGOU TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH INVITATIONS
TO A LATER SESSION.

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2. HE REMAINS DISAPPOINTED CONCERNING PROGRESS IN

STAFFING CILSS FOR EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF SAHEL DROUGHT PROGRAM. HE SAYS GERMAN FUNDING NOT YET IN HAND DUE TO COMPLICATIONS OF GERMAN AID BUREAUCRACY. HE HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO USE THREE-FOURTHS OF HIS OWN MINISTRY'S ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET TO SUPPORT CILSS ACTIVITIES FOR THE REGION.

3. HE SAYS GOV'S RECENT REQUEST TO DONORS FOR 117,000 TONS OF EMERGENCY GRAIN TO COVER 1974 SHORTAGE CAN BE SCALED DOWN TO 98,000 TONS IF CURRENT PIPELINE IS INCORPORATED. (FED, EMBASSY AND OTHER DONORS QUESTION ACCURACY OF THESE FIGURES AND ARE ENDEAVORING OBTAIN BETTER PRECISION ON NEEDS, CURRENT STOCKS, PRESENT HARVEST, AND PLANNED PURCHASES WITHIN UPPER VOLTA AND SURROUNDING STATES. FED AND EMBASSY FIGURE STOCKS PLUS PIPELINE TOTAL ABOUT 38,000 TONS.)

4. DAKOURE CONFIRMED HIS STATEMENT IN ROME QUOTED SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY LE MONDE TO EFFECT THAT TOTAL SAHEL FOOD GRAIN DEFICIT WOULD BE 1.2 MILLION TONS. DAKOURE SAID "PRECISE FIGURE" WAS 1.23 MILLION TONS, ROUGHLY DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM PREDICTION BY RECENT FAO MULTI-DONOR STUDY.

5. DAKOURE SAID CILSS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AGREED IN ROME TO MEET AGAIN IN DAKAR IN DECEMBER, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS DECEMBER 8. MINISTERS DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE FOLLOWED IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY BY CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TOLD CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND ME SAME THING LAST MONDAY. DAKOURE ALSO PROBABLY RETURNING NEW YORK LATE DECEMBER FOR MEETING OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL OF WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT.
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